



## **WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Walworth Community Council held on Wednesday June 10 2009 at 7.00 pm at Pasley TRA Hall, Stopford Rd (off Manor Place), Walworth SE17 3BP

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE (Chair)  
Councillor Paul Bates  
Councillor Kirsty McNeill  
Councillor Abdul Mohamed  
Councillor Caroline Pidgeon  
Councillor Jane Salmon  
Councillor Martin Seaton

**OTHER MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

**OFFICER  
SUPPORT:**

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME [CHAIR]**

1. Councillor Lorraine Lauder, the new Chair of Walworth Community Council introduced herself. She thanked Councillor Mohamed, the former Chair, for his hard work over the past three years.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Ladipo, Gurling and McNeill(lateness).

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None were notified

### **4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT:**

None were notified

**5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS 2009-2010**

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**Decision:** That the Walworth Community Council Fund awards listed in Appendix 1 be approved. **EXECUTIVE DECISION**

**6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MAIN MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING:**

**Decision:** That the minutes of the meeting held on April 27 2009 be confirmed. Mr Beadell and Mr Crawford stated their disagreement with parts of the minutes.

**7. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

None notified

**8. POLICE AND WARDENS**

**Sergeants Daly, Brown and Croft:**

Sgt Croft responded to questions asked at the previous meeting:

Successful stop & searches for knives – Councillor Seaton

There have been reductions in the number of crimes involving guns (down 25%) and knives (12%) in Southwark. The police believe this is due to the high number of police stop & searches carried out. There has also been a reduction in burglary (down 25%) and robbery (12.5% down), which also could have been affected by the stop and search policy.

Parked minibus with disabled passengers – Mrs Norma Lawrence

Norma reported that a minibus for the disabled had been seen parked in Rotherhithe, with the driver and attendant asleep, and the disabled passengers neglected. The local Safer Neighbourhood Team sent an officer, but the minibus had left. The SNT then contacted the charity that was responsible for the minibus, and the driver and attendant were identified. Disciplinary proceedings were underway.

Newington Ward Priorities: Anti-social behaviour in Pullens Buildings, Walworth Road, de Laune Street and Newington estate, together with street drinking in Walworth Road and de Laune Street. Enforcement of the 20 mph speed limit.

Attempts are being made with a number of agencies to provide activities for young people. The SNT has visited old people on the Brandon estate, warning of bogus callers. The Brandon library has been revamped, and is providing support and rewards to well behaved children. The burglary rate has reduced.

Faraday Ward priorities: Street drinking, youth engagement and public safety in Burgess Park.

The number of reported thefts from vehicles has reduced by 45%. An exercise carried out under Operation Crunch (surely Gurgle) resulted in arrests for street drinking and seizure of alcohol. Follow up patrols have also had successes, with more alcohol seizures and fixed penalty notices issued. The SNT carried out a weapons sweep and found a knife under Operation Hawk. There are daily patrols of Burgess Park.

East Walworth priorities: Anti-social behaviour and safe routes in Burgess Park, youth anti-social behaviour on Barlow and Congreve estates, anti-social behaviour and prostitution in Kinglake Street and anti-social behaviour in stairwells in Hemp Walk blocks.

The SNT held a successful community event in Burgess Park with the Karot bus, which will come to youth groups if invited. A weapons sweep in Burgess Park turned up 2 flickknives. An auto number plate recognition operation resulted in 5 uninsured vehicles being seized, of which only one was claimed by the father of the driver. The Victory House youth club is now open; although it is associated with the church, it is open to all. The next Ward Panel is in the Heygate TRA Hall on August 4 2009.

The following questions were asked:

- Carol asked if something could be done about cycling on the pavements, children could get knocked down or pedestrians could have their bags snatched. An operation was carried out by the SNT and two bicycles had been seized; the police will continue to carry out random operations on pavement cyclists – please could residents tell their SNTs of locations, times and miscreants.
- Councillor Seaton asked about youth activities at Victory House. It appeared that the group meets on Friday night.
- Mr Clark asked about cyclists ignoring the Highway Code, going the wrong way down one way streets, through red lights and riding bicycles against the traffic. Unfortunately, although these actions are against the law, it is impossible to deal with this unless the cyclists are caught in the act by the police.
- A resident asked about an incident in Burgess Park near the tennis courts around 5 or 6pm, when youths grabbed a woman's bag. The resident was asked to talk to the SNT sergeant.

## **9. CLEANER GREENER SAFER: RESIDENTS' PRESENTATIONS**

Just under 40 residents spoke for up to two minutes in support of proposals for Cleaner Greener Safer projects. Following this, residents voted for their preferred proposals.

## 10. BURGESS PARK UPDATE

The money won in the Mayor of London's 'Help a London Park' and from the Aylesbury NDC will not be sufficient to fully redevelop the park. However, the £4 million of funding from the NDC now is fully secured, and will not have to be spent by March 2010.

The project plan, now agreed with Southwark's Chief Executive, has now been agreed:

- The OJEU Notice will be published on 11 June 2009, inviting interested parties to apply
- The first stage evaluation will create a shortlist of 5 applicants to produce a sketch design by 28 July 2009
- The second stage evaluation will choose the best design for the park, and will end in October 2009
- Communications on the design will begin in October 2009
- A lead consultant will be appointed in November 2009
- Works will commence on site in August 2010, for approximately a year

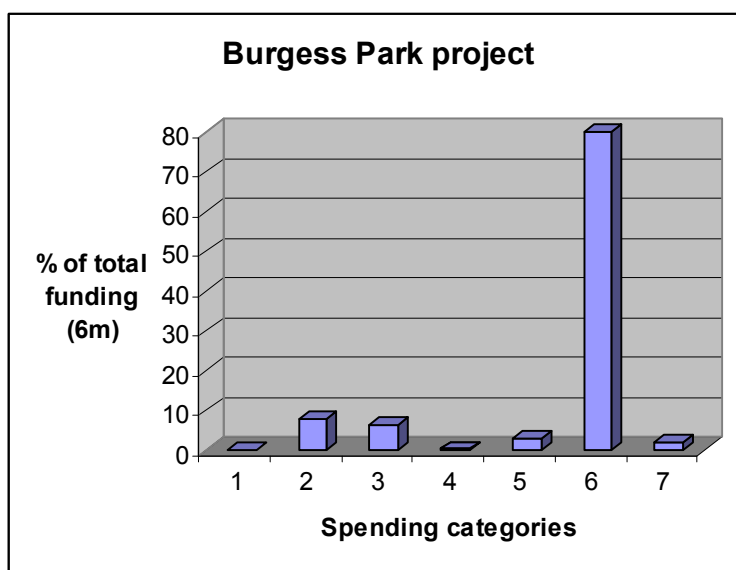
Numerous opportunities exist for involvement in the process: there will be an e-letter, a Burgess Park website, a Facebook fan page, a Bidders day, a Spaceshaper Event, a Stakeholder meeting, opportunities to comment on the design.

There will be a workshop for residents at the next Walworth Community Council meeting on July 14 2009.

In response to a question from Councillor Pidgeon at the last meeting, the percentage spend on services of the total amount awarded is: (1) Marketing 0.3%,

- (2) Landscape architect 8%,
- (3) Other consultants eg. quantity surveyors, engineers 6.4%,
- (4) Procurement costs eg EXOR 0.4%,
- (5) Project management 3%,
- (6) Construction costs and
- (7) Contingency 1.9%.

The total percentage of spending for services is 18.1%.



## 11. PUBLIC LAVATORIES IN WALWORTH

### Public lavatories in Walworth:

Stephen Douglass introduced the item, reminding the meeting that the Council had no statutory requirement to provide public lavatories, however the Council works with developers through regeneration schemes to provide conveniences and works with local businesses to enable public access to their toilets. There are the following public lavatories:

- In the Elephant & Castle shopping centre
- Portland street (not open on Mondays)
- Dawe Street (not open on Sundays and Mondays)
- The Housing Office in Thurlow Street
- Cholmondley Gardens and the Tennis Centre
- The Cuming Museum
- The Walworth One Stop Shop
- Private businesses such as McDonald's

The lavatories in Westmoreland Road were removed as they were not compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act, and were decaying. All the Council-run lavatories are compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act or close to other lavatories which are compliant. Section 106 funding and regeneration schemes should provide more facilities.

The following questions were asked:

- Norma said that on Saturdays the next lavatory after Elephant & Castle was at Camberwell Green; the Portland Street lavatory does not work, and there is no sign to show the nearest lavatory. Old people were afraid to go out as there are no lavatories available; the existing signs do not say when the lavatories are open. There should be a sign outside Morrison's saying what the opening hours are. Stephen Douglass said that all lavatories

should comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and have signs; he would arrange some additional signs

- Rebecca said that there were problems for parents when they were out with their children
- Mr Beadell said there was a problem with using private businesses' lavatories, the Council pay them to provide facilities. Stephen Douglass said that many businesses would allow the public to use their lavatories, and sometimes this led to additional trade
- A resident said that foreign visitors had complained about the lack of public lavatories; in some foreign countries it is the law that anyone can use lavatories in bars and cafés. Stephen Douglass said he was talking to local businesses

## 12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1.	Concern was expressed that permit holders did not have the right to park in other zones in the Borough. (Mr Tubbs) <i>Awaiting response.</i>
2.	Is the Council compliant with the Sustainable Communities Act in the consultations it runs? (Mr Beadell) <i>Awaiting response</i>
3.	The M1 and some other earlier Controlled Parking Zones do not have a discount for owners of electric cars. Later Controlled Parking Zones grant a discount. Could this situation be resolved. <i>Awaiting response</i>
4.	Wheely bins are not available in the Surrey Square area of Walworth. Residents put their black bags out the night before the collection, and foxes, rats and birds prey on the contents. When the collection takes place a great deal of rubbish is left behind. The street cleansing team does not sweep the same day. Officers will not change the timetable to deal with this problem, please help. There should be a Refuse Strategy as part of the Area Plan. <i>Awaiting response.</i>
5.	Is it necessary to enforce the Heygate Place bus lane 7 days a week, 12 hours a day for one bus (the 343), which runs every 10 minutes? Most bus lanes are enforced 7-10am and 4-7pm, and not at the weekend. <i>Awaiting response.</i>
6.	Why has the Royal British Legion in Gaza Street not been included in the redevelopment of the area on Braganza Street (the hall, warehouses and units). It has been there for nearly 50 years and it seems it is now being closed down. Why? <i>Awaiting response.</i>

## 13. MEMBER DECISIONS - SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY APPOINTMENTS

**Decision:** That Mr Fred Sharrock be reappointed to the Governing body of the Cobourg Primary School, and that Mr Angus Norman be reappointed to the Governing body of Michael Faraday Primary School. **EXECUTIVE DECISION**

**Decision:** A further appointment of a single candidate to a Governing body was not approved; Members requested more than one candidate for each appointment.

**14. MEMBER DECISIONS - LOCAL PARKING ISSUES**

**Decision:** A recommendation for a local parking amendment to restrictions in Penton Place was not approved. Members requested that consultations of residents of Alberta, Pullens, Newington and Guinness Trust take place prior to the return of the report for Member agreement.

**15. DATE OF DISPATCH: JUNE 2 2009**

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

**EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

**DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY JUNE 18 2009.**

**THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.**

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WALWORTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2009/10						
Project Ref	Name of Organisation	Name of Activity	Planned Activity	Date of event	Amount requested£	Amount Awarded £
1	Art In The Park	Arts Workshop	Plaster casting project for young children, children with disabilities and special needs. Children will learn to make arts objects from sand moulds and plaster and then can be painted, glittered or varnished.	Autumn 2009	£945.00	£945.00
2	Aylesbury Everywoman's Centre	International Women's Day	To mark IWD with women and children from the local area. To unite them with a day of fun, games and educational activities. To set up a series of art classes for older residents in Aylesbury. The classes will provide basic skills in drawing still life, portrait and caricature. The classes will bring the diverse older communities in the area and the art work will be compiled into a booklet for the Black History Month celebrations.	February 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
3	Aylesbury Older People's Project	Art classes for Elderly	A cultural awareness celebration which will improve relationship between Somali women and other women in around Aylesbury Estate.	July - September 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
4	Aylesbury Somali Women's Health Project	Cultural Awareness Celebrations	To host a social event for our local tenants and residents living in the BACC 84 area of the Aylesbury Estate.	August 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
5	BACC 84 TRA	Traditional family fun fare and entertainment fair	This is a free open-air festival in it's forth year. The festival has achieved bringing the community together and break down barriers. It creates opportunities for enjoyment, increased understanding and learning, helping to create a more cohesive community.	August 29th 2009	£1,000.00	£750.00
6	Brandon 1 TRA	Brandon 1 Children and Youth Festival	To run a 6 week dance programme for young people aged between 11-21 from the local area. The classes will focus on street, house and break dances. This classes will creativity and professional photographs will be taken and be used on the website.	August 22nd 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
7	Freestyle Dance	Dance For You		January 2010	£1,000.00	£1,000.00

8	Friends of Nursery Row Park	Summer Music Event	A music-based community event in Nursery Row Park. To build on the success of the planting and ecology event in 2008/09 and add a small festival which appeals to a wider section of the local community.	August 8th 2009	£700.00	£700.00
9	Friends of Salisbury Row Park	Gardening Day	To have a day of gardening related activities for both young and old. Improving flower beds and creating new ones. A night-time procession walking through Walworth, following drummers and acrobats, bring local community together, ending in local entertainment at InSpire. To celebrate the area through art, design, music and dance. The theme and design of the lanterns and puppets will be a celebration of life and diversity.	Summer 2009	£450.00	£450.00
10	Inspire at St Peter's	The Walworth Lantern Parade		October and November 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
11	Kennington Park House TRA/Friday Club Pensioner's Group	Community Festival	A coach trip for pensioners to the seaside. Local residents will also join them. Also a barbecue to celebrate the TRA, Tmo and the Friday Club. This will foster membership, networking and community cohesion.	July 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
12	Latin American Multicultural Group	Summer BBQ	To celebrate the community cohesion work carried out by the Latin American community in the Walworth and Southwark areas. The event will exhibit costumes made by users, short films, music and certificates for participants.	ASAP subject to funding	£1,000.00	£500.00
13	Pembroke Academy of Music	Pembroke Strings	The launch of the Pembroke String Orchestra, comprising of current young students with a full body of instruments.	October - December 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
14	Pullens TRA	Pullens Poetry Festival	A weekend of poetry, spoken word and acoustic music for the local and wider community; involving both amateur and professional performers. This will include refreshments, original works and reading from published collections.	Summer/Autumn 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00

15	Royal Surrey Zoological Gardens (RSZG) Steering Group	Celebratory Event	To celebrate this auspicious historical past of the area where the RSZG once stood. A one day event to be held at Pasley Park and the surrounding area. The aim of the event is to bring the local community together to mark the 175th anniversary and promote the area to a wider audience through publicity.	July 25th 2009	£1000.00 - £3000.00	£1,000.00
16	Somali Youth Action Forum	Football training for young people	To continue to run weekly football training sessions for young people at Burgess Park community sports ground.	August - December 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
17	Southwark Sea Cadet Unit	Visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard	To take a group of young people on a visit to Portsmouth History Dockyard to include: HMS Victory, Mary Rose HMS Warrior, Royal Naval Museum etc.	December/January 2009	£352.00	£352.00
18	Southwark Sea Cadet Unit	Visit to Chatham Historic Dockyard	To take a group of young people on a visit to CHD to include, tour of dock yard, visit to ice rink and swimming pool.	December/January 2009	£427.00	£427.00
19	Victory Community Park Committee	Summer Park Festival	To plant more species from all over the world in the park beds. Will celebrate with food and music from local cultural groups.	Summer 2009	£750.00	£750.00
20	Walworth Garden Farm	Pasley Park - planting of plants from the opening of Surrey Zoological Gardens period	To plant two beds at Pasley Park, with plants popular from the time of opening of SZG. This will serve to mark an important part of the local history and enhance the park for the local people.	September 2009	£1,000.00	£1,000.00

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